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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 301-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about Equality and Diversity. Please find the Trust's response below.

- 1) What Equality and Diversity training does 2gether NHS Foundation Trust provide to its healthcare professionals staff? We provide Equality and Diversity Training to staff as part of Corporate Induction training.
- What refresher training if any do healthcare staff receive in regards to Equality and Diversity? Staff are not required to undertake formal refresher training but they all have access to the Health Education England e-learning programme Equality, Diversity and Human Rights (Level 1). Furthermore, staff are specifically asked to consider equality and diversity issues within a number of other courses such as Safeguarding which are mandatory and repeated.
 - a) Does this include an elements relating to LGBT issues and LGBT patients? Yes
- 3) I wish to request information relating to the number of complaints made to Trust relating to LGBT patients and healthcare professionals.

I would like information on the number of complaints relating to:

- a) Allegations of discrimination on the grounds of LGBT status.
 - i. Patients made about practitioners None
 - ii. Staff made against colleagues both medical and non-medical. None
- b) Allegations of wrongful treatment on the grounds of LGBT status. Complaints made by patients or their friends or family. Treatment received from any healthcare practitioner. **None**
- c) Complaints made by LGBT patients in regards to the provision of care. None
- d) Complaints made by LGBT healthcare professionals on the grounds that they have been discriminated or suffered bullying by colleagues because of their LGBT status. **None**
- 4) I would also like the outcomes of these complaints in regards to:
 - a) closed with no further action None
 - b) disciplinary action taken against the healthcare professional involved and what action was taken. None
- 5) I would like to know the details of whether the healthcare professional complained about qualified either in the UK or abroad? None

I would like to number of complaints in the last 18 months.

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely.

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